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For: LENS BARREL

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION, CLAIMS AND ABSTRACT MADE VIA PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Amendments to existing claims:

1. (Amended) A lens barrel comprising:
a plurality of cylindrical bodies expandable in a multistage fashion;
~~a lens~~ an optical lens system constituted by a plurality of lens groups disposed along an optical axis, all of said plurality of lens groups being accommodated in a leading cylindrical body to be ~~expanded~~ extended among said plurality of cylindrical bodies; and
a driving source incorporated in said leading cylindrical body ~~to be expanded~~,
wherein ~~said lens~~ optical lens system comprises at least one fixed lens group secured to said leading cylindrical body ~~to be expanded~~ and at least one movable lens group movable along said the optical axis upon receiving a driving force of said driving source.
2. (Amended) ~~A~~ The lens barrel according to claim 1, wherein ~~said lens~~ optical lens system comprises two fixed lens groups, said movable lens group being disposed between said two fixed lens groups.
3. (Amended) ~~A~~ The lens barrel according to claim 1, further comprising:
a movable lens frame having said movable lens group attached thereto;
a threaded shaft, in mesh with said movable lens frame, ~~installed so as to orient in said~~
oriented along the optical axis of said plurality of lens groups; and
a rotary driving section for supplying a rotary force to said threaded shaft so as to rotate said movable lens group ~~in said along the~~ optical axis direction.

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